

STATE JOINT INFORMATION CENTER
HURRICANE ISIDORE INFORMATION
MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is closely monitoring the projected path of Tropical Storm Isidore. The following assistance is being provided to citizens to aid in their safe response to Tropical Storm Isidore.

HANCOCK COUNTY

1. A mandatory evacuation is in effect at 6:00 a.m. today, Wednesday (9/25/02) for Zone A in Hancock County. This ordered evacuation includes low-lying areas of the county and persons living in manufactured homes.
2. SHELTERS WILL BE OPEN AT 8:00 AM ON Wednesday 9/25/02 at
 - East Hancock Shelter on Kiln Delisle Road
 - Waveland Elementary on St. Joseph Street
3. ALL CITY AND COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED Wednesday 9/25/02 and Thursday 9/26/02 - Hancock County Schools and Bay-Waveland Schools.
4. BEACH ROAD IS CLOSED FROM SEARS AVENUE TO BAYOU CADDY.

HARRISON COUNTY

1. A voluntary evacuation is in effect for residents of Harrison County and all cities located in Flood Zone A. This area includes those areas that are located on rivers, beach front, areas prone to flooding from moderate rainfall or high tides that make roadways impassable, and manufactured housing.
2. SHELTERS WILL BE OPEN AT 1:00 PM on Wednesday 9/25/02 - listing of shelters to be announced at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday morning.

JACKSON COUNTY

1. A recommended evacuation is in place for Zone A in Jackson County. This area includes low-lying areas of the county including manufactured homes.
2. Beach Road at Buccaneer State Park is closed.

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3. SHELTERS WILL BE OPEN AT 1:00 PM on Wednesday 9/25/02 at

- Moss Point High School
- Vancleave High School
- Ocean Springs Middle School
- Eastlawn Elementary in Pascagoula

PEARL RIVER COUNTY

Poplarville, Carriere, and Mc Neil schools will be closed Wednesday (9/25/02) and Thursday (9/26/02).

AMERICAN RED CROSS SHELTERS

The American Red Cross will open the following shelter at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday (9/25/02)

- Richland High School Gymnasium
Highway 49 South
Richland, Miss.

Governor Musgrove signed at State of Emergency for Miss., on Tuesday (9/24/02) and Executive Order 860 placing the National Guard on active duty. Under the State of Emergency, all state resources are available for use in response to Hurricane Isidore.

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